appropriate action and sending details. Details will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Review of SC/ST/OBC schemes

887. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of schemes implemented by Development Corporations for SCs/STs and Backward Classes through the State Governments for the economic benefit of the members of the communities covered under the schemes;

(b) if so, the details of review of the schemes, State-wise in general and Maharashtra in particular;

(c) the suggestions received for effective functioning of the project implementation by the Development Corporations and deficiencies observed and irregularities detected; and

(d) the details of action plan formulated for implementation of the said schemes for the benefit of the members of these communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) State level Development Corporations for welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes have been set up by the state Governments. Under the Schemes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs, share capital contribution is made to the State level Development Corporations looking after SCs and STs on matching basis (51% by State Govt, and 49% by Central Govt.) A statement indicating fund released under this scheme during 2000-2001 is enclosed. (See below) Activities of the State level Development Corporations are reviewed by the concerned State Governments.

(c) Following suggestions have been received for effective functioning of the State level Development Corporations:

1. Eligibility criteria of beneficiary for giving assistance may be revised.
2. Banks may be persuaded for sanctioning loan.
3. Provision of forward and backward linkages for supply of raw material and marketing of finished products may be strengthened.
4. Integrated approach may be followed by Govt. Departments.
5. Rate of interest being charged from NGOs may be looked into.
6. Beneficiaries may be assisted for forming Self-Help-Groups (SHGs) and availing additional loan from NABARD/Banks.
7. The Schemes should be evaluated and monitored from time to time.

(d) Action plan for the State Level Development Corporation is prepared and finalised by the State level Development Corporation in consultation with the concerned State Government and the National Corporations.

Statement

Release of Central Share Capital to the State level Development Corporations during 2000-2001 under the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Sl. No.	Name of SCDC	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh SCs Co-op Finance Corporation	792.65
2.	Chandigarh SCs and Backward Classes and Development Corporation	38.43
3.	Gujarat SCs Economic Development Corporation	200.00
4.	Karnataka SCs & STs Development Corporation	727.39

Sl. No.	Name of SCDC	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
5.	Kerala State Development Corporation for SCs and STs.	33.60
6.	Mahatma Phule Backward Class Development Corporation, Maharashtra.	487.98
7.	Tripura SCs, OBC & Minorities Co-op. Development Corporation	12.69
8.	U.P. Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation.	300.00
9.	West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development and Finance Corporation	169.95

Release of Central Share Capital to the State level Development Corporations during 2000-2001 under the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Sl. No.	Name of SCDC	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh SCs Co-op. Finance Corporation	96.00
2.	Himachal Pradesh SC & ST Development Corporation	19.22
3.	Karnataka SCs & STs Development Corporation	35.00
4.	Maharashtra State Cooperative Tribal Development Corporation.	50.57
5.	West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development and Finance Corporation.	40.00